IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CATHERINE FOY and TH Wife and Husband, 15042 Liberty Lane Philadelphia, PA 19116,	HOMAS FOY,	} } } }	Civil Action No.: 02-CV-
	Plaintiffs,	}	
v.		} }	
ABP Corporation,		} }	
a Delaware Corporation,		}	
19 Fid Kennedy Avenue		}	
Boston, MA 02210,		}	
		}	
	Defendant.	}	

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant, ABP Corporation, by and through its counsel, and in support of its Notice of Removal to this Honorable Court, does aver as follows:

- 1. Defendant, ABP Corporation (hereinafter, "ABP"), is a Delaware corporation which maintains it principal place of business at 19 Fid Kennedy Avenue, Boston, MA 02210. See, Certificate of Incorporation, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 2. ABP herewith exercises its rights pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, et seq., to remove this action from the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, in which this litigation is pending under the caption, Catherine Foy and Thomas Foy, Wife and Husband v. ABP Corporation, and docketed at June Term, 2002, No. 001281. See, Complaint and Stipulation to

Correct Caption, true and correct copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits "B" and "C", respectively.

- 3. There exists complete diversity of citizenship between plaintiffs and defendant:
 - a) Plaintiff, Catherine Foy is an individual, and a resident and citizen of Pennsylvania (Complaint, Exhibit "B", paragraph 1);
 - Plaintiff, Thomas Foy is an individual, and a resident and citizen of b) Pennsylvania (Complaint, Exhibit "B", paragraph 1);
 - c) Defendant, ABP, is a Delaware corporation which maintains it principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts (Exhibit "A").
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 et seq., ABP is entitled as a matter of law to remove this case from the Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in which district the cause of action arose, plaintiffs reside and where the litigation is pending. (Complaint, Exhibit "B", paragraph 5).
- 5. In the Complaint, the plaintiffs each seek to recover damages in excess of \$50,000 (which is the sole reference to monetary damages allowed in Pennsylvania) for the personal injuries allegedly sustained by plaintiff-wife as the result of a slip and fall accident which is alleged to have occurred on January 22, 2001, and plaintiff-husband's derivative claim. (Complaint, Exhibit "B", paragraphs 5 - 19).
- 6. In this controversy between diverse parties, the amount in controversy is pleaded to exceed the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs. Therefore, there is original jurisdiction in this honorable court as provided by 28 U.S.C. §1332 (a)(1).

- 7. In accord with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1446, this notice of removal is being timely filed as the Complaint was filed in the Court of Common Pleas on June 11, 2002. and served upon the original improper party defendant, Au Bon Pain Co., Inc., a Delaware Corporation which withdrew from doing business in Pennsylvania on January 22, 1986, by hand delivery to Au Bon Pain Co., Inc.'s former agent, CT Corporation System on June 14, 2002. On July 1, 2002, counsel for Au Bon Pain Co, Inc. forwarded the Complaint to ABP Corporation by facsimile. See, correspondence, July 1, 2002, by Au Bon Pain Co., Inc.'s counsel directed to defendant, ABP Corporation, Exhibit "D" hereto; CT Corporation System Service of Process Transmittal Form, Exhibit "E" hereto, and Pennsylvania Department of State Basic Entity Information for Withdrawn Foreign Business, Au Bon Pain Co., Inc., Exhibit "F" hereto.
- 8. On July 10, 2002, the undersigned counsel for ABP Corporation agreed to accept service of the Complaint on behalf of the proper party defendant. See, correspondence, July 10, 2002, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".
- 9. A true copy of this Notice is being filed with the Prothonotary of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.

WHEREFORE, defendant, ABP Corporation, prays that this action be removed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and that this Honorable Court accept jurisdiction of this action for further proceedings, the same as though this action had originally been instituted in this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY, PENNINGTON, CABOT,

GRIFFITH & RENNEISEN, LTD.

By: _____

Melissa Lang Attorney I.D. No. 48482 1835 Market Street, 29th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 575-4168 Counsel for defendant, ABP Corporation

DATED: July 16, 2002

EXHIBIT "A"

State of Delaware

Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS ON FILE OF "ABP CORPORATION" AS RECEIVED MARCH,



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CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

General Averments

- 1. At all times material hereto, plaintaffs, Catherine Fey and Thomas Foy, were wife and husband, residing at 15042 hiterry Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2. At all such times, the defendant, Au Bon Pain Co., inc., was a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, regularly conducted business in the City and County of Philadelphia and was d/h/a ani/or t/a Au Bon PATH. The enemt authorized to accept service of process is C.T. Corporation System, Inc., 1515 Market Street, Suita 1210, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 3. At all such times, defendant, Au Bon Pain Co., Inc., wan engaged in the restaurant/food service (hereinafter referred to us "restaurant") business and owned, operated, managed, maintained and controlled a restaurant facility under the name of "AU BON PAIN", located inside the 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, Pommsylvania.
- 4. On or about January 22, 2001, and for a long poried of time prior thereto, there existed a dangerous and defective condition inside the "AU BON PAIN" restaurant facility located inside the 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvonia, in the form of a liquid substance on the floor contiguous to one of the restaurant's trash receptacles with no warning signs or harricaling and/or rugs or mats situated thereat.
- 5. On or about January 22, 2001, at or about 8:45 c.m., plaintiff, Catherine Poy, was a business invited having finished esting in the defendant's "AU BON PAIN" restaurant located inside the 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, Fennsylvania, and was caused

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to fall as a result of the dangerous and defective condition watch existed thereat when she walked to the said trash receptable in an attempt to place trash therein.

- 6. As a result of the negligence and recklessness of the defendant, plaintiff, Catherine Foy, suffered serious and painful injuries as hereinafter described.
- The negligence and recklessness of the defendant through its agents, servants, workmen and/or employees, consisted of the following:
- (a) Permitting or allowing a dangerous and defective condition to exist upon the floor of the premises owned and/or supervised by them after they know or should have known of said conditions;
- (b) Failing to give plaintiff proper and due nor. the dangerous and defective condition existing in their pro-
- (c) Failing to place warning signs, barricades rugs or mats at the point of accident to prevent the occ herstofors recited,
- (d) Failing to give plaintiff proper and a protection to which she was entitled as a business invitee
- (e) Failing to promptly and properly clean, clear maintain the floor of the said premises;
- (f) Permitting a nulsance and trap to exist in : premises;
- (g) Failing to inspect and/or negligently ins said premises;

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- (\dot{h}) Otherwise failing to use due care and caution wader the circumstances:
 - (i) Negligence as a matter of law; and,
- (j) Negligence in other respects which may well the puinted out during discovery or at the time of trial.
- s. Plaintiff, Catherine Foy, was injured as a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned dangerous condition which existed upon the floor of the said premises which is owned and/or under the supervision, control and maintenance of the defendant.
- 9. Plaintiff, Catherine Poy, believes and therefore dysts, that the defendant had actual and/or constructive notice of the said dangerous condition prior to the aforesaid date when plaintiff, Catherine Foy, was seriously injured and had such notice at a sufficient time prior thereto to have taken measures to correct the condition.

PIRST COUNT

Catherine For vs. All Ron Pain Co., Inc.

- 10. Plaintiff, Cathering Foy, hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 9 as though more fully set forth herein.
- 11. As a result of the aforesaid negligence, plaintiff, Catherine Foy, sustained serious and painful injuries, inclueing, but not limited to, contusion and fractures of the right local involving the base of the 2nd and 3rd metatarsals and/or 2nd 3nd 3rd cuneiforms and/or lat cuneiform and/or 1st metatarsal base,

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- 12. Plaintiff, Catherine Foy, avers that she may will sustained other injuries and aggravated pre-existing conditions.
- 13. As a result of the aforesaid accident, plaintiff, Catherine Foy, has suffered great physical pain and mental angulable.

 all of which may continue in the future.
- 14. As a result of the aforesaid, plaintiff, Catherine Foy. has been and may in the future be required to spend considerable sums of money for medical treatment in an effort to treat and Pure herself of the injuries sustained as aforesaid, any and all of which may continue to her great financial loss and detriment.
- 15. Further plaintiff, Catherine Foy, has been and may in the future be unable to work due to her injuries, with donsc quent and of earnings and impairment of her earning capacity.
- 16. Further, plaintiff, Catherina Poy, as a remilt of this accident, has suffered a loss of the enjoyment of her usual outless, life's pleasures and activities and a shortening of her life expectancy to her great detriment and loss.

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17. Plaintiff, Catherine Foy, in no manner contributed to her injuries which resulted from the direct negligence of the defordant by its agents, servents, workmon and/or employees.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Catherine Foy, demands judgmont against the defendant in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000 00) Dollaro.

SECOND COUNT

Thomas For vs. Au Son Pain Co., Inc.

- 18. Plaintiff, Thomas Foy, hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 17 as though more fully set forth horein.
- 19. Plaintiff, Thomas Foy, as a result of the aforeusid negligence, has and may in the future be deprived of his wife's services, companionship and society and hereby claims loss of consortium to his great detriment and loss.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Thomas Poy, demands judgment against the defendant in an amount in excess of Pifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars.

> Respectfully submitted, ALLEN L. ROTHENBERG

BY:

NEIL M. SHUKOVSKY, ESQUIRE Attorney for Plaintiff(s)

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VERIFICATION

CATHERINE FOY, hereby states that she is the plaintiff in this action and verifies that the statements made in the foregoing Pleading are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands that the statements herein are made subject to the paralties of Pa. C.S. \$4904 relating to unaworn falsification to authorities.

DATED: 5-9-02

EXHIBIT "C"

HARVEY, PENNINGTON, CABOT, **GRIFFITH & RENNEISEN, LTD.**

Melissa Lang Attorney I.D. Nos.: 48482 Eleven Penn Center, 29th Floor 1835 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 575-4168

Counsel for Defendant, Au Bon Pain Co., Inc. and ABP Corporation

CATHERINE FOY and THOMAS FOY, Wife and Husband,

Plaintiffs,

Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas Trial Division

June Term, 2002 No. 001281

AU BON PAIN CO., INC.,

Defendant.

STIPULATION

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between counsel for the parties that

- ABP Corporation, a foreign business authorized to do business in Pennsylvania, is substituted as the party defendant to this action in lieu of Au Bon Pain Co., Inc. a withdrawn foreign business which no longer conducts business in Pennsylvania, nunc pro tunc;
- (2) plaintiff s' cause of action against defendant, Au Bon Pain Co., Inc., is hereby DISCONTINUED with prejudice pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 229;
- (3) plaintiff's cause of action shall continue as against ABP Corporation as the proper party defendant; and
- and the caption is amended to CATHERINE FOY AND THOMAS FOY, Wife (4) and Husband v. ABP Corporation, June Term, 2002 No. 001281.

ALLEN L. ROTHENBERG

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VIA FACSIMILE - (617) 423-7879

Mr. Tim Oliveri ABP Corp. 19 Fid Kennedy Avenue Roston, Massachusetts 02210-2497

Complaint-Catherine Foy et al. v. Au Bon Pain Co. Inc. Common Pleas Court. Philadelphia County Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Oliveri:

As you may be aware, ABP was recently named as a defendant in the above-caption of matter venued in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Apparently, the plaintiff served a copy of the compliant on CT System, the agent authorized to accept service of process on behalf of ABP in Pennsylvania.

Today, I contacted the attorney representing the Plaintiff in this matter. The unionery, Mr. Neil Shukovsky, Esq., informed me that this matter involved a woman who slipped and fell inside an ABP located at 30° Street Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Shukovsky went on to note that because an Answer to the Complaint is due this week, he consented to an extension of time to file an Answer for three weeks from today's date.

Enclosed is a copy of the service of process transmittal form, along with a copy of the Complaint. Because this matter is likely covered by ABP's General Liability insurance policy, I strongly recommend that you contact your carrier and notify the carrier of this complaint. Further, you should forward a copy of the complaint to the carrier, and inform the carrier that we obtained an extension of time to file an answer through Monday, July 22, 2002.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please do not be situlate to a cutaca the undersigned.

Very truly yours

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July 10, 2002

Melissa Lang, Esquire Harvey, Pennington, Cabot, Griffith & Renneisen, Ltd. Eleven Penn Center, 29th Floor 1835 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: Catherine Foy, et al. vs. Au Bon Pain Co., Inc.

Dear Melissa:

I appreciated our telephone conversation of July 10, 2002 as well as your courteous and informative letter of July 8, 2002 concerning the above-captioned case. The following is what I have taken away from our conversation and your letter.

The correct owner of the Au Bon Pain Cafe where my client's accident occurred as of the date of that accident (January 22, 2001) was and continues to be ABP Corporation. You have advised that Au Bon Pain Company, Inc. was an incorrectly named owner as of the date of this accident. You have forwarded to me a Stipulation naming the correct owner of this specific cafe and I will, of course, rely upon your knowledge of your client's ownership as well as your professionalism in providing this information to me.

Please find my signature upon the Stipulation. Please forward to me a time-stamped copy after you have filed same.

It is also my understanding that you will be accepting service on behalf of your client. I look forward to receiving your client's Answer to the Complaint.

You indicated to me that you would not be filing Preliminary Objections.

Enclosed please find Interrogatories addressed to ABP Corporation which I ask them to respond to within the statutory period. Also enclosed please find Request for Production of Documents to be responded to within a similar manner.

Very truly yours,

ALLEN L. ROTHENBERG

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